

***etunaz** Runic: ᚱᚢᚳᚢᚳᚢᚱᚢᚱ Pronunciation: /'e.tu.naz/

noun · masculine · a-stem

Meanings

1. an eater, overeater, glutton
2. a giant

Etymology

From Proto-Indo-European **h₁éd-un-o-s* ('eater, devourer'), a thematicized form of the oblique stem of **h₁éd-wr̥* ~ **h₁d-wén-s*, an r/n-heteroclitic form from root **h₁ed-* ('to eat') (Wodtko et al. 2008). Compare structural cognates from the same root: Ancient Greek *εἶδαρ* (*eîdār*) ('food') < PIE **h₁édur*, Vedic Sanskrit *अद्वन्* (*ādvan*) (*ādvan*) in *अग्राद्वन्* (*agrādvan*, 'having precedence in eating') < PIE **h₁dwén*, and Luwian *𐎠𐎡𐎣𐎤* (*a-du-na* /*aduna*/, 'to eat') < PIE **h₁éd-un-o-*. The semantics changed from 'devourer' → 'giant' in the daughter languages.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	etunaz	etunōz, etunōs
Acc.	etuna	etunanz
Gen.	etunas, etunis	etunō
Dat.	etunai	etunamaz
Inst.	etunō	etunamiz
Voc.	etun	etunōz, etunōs

Descendants

***etun** (Proto-West Germanic)

eoten, eten (Old English)

eten, eotend, eatant, yoten, geten (Middle English)

etten, ettin, eaton (English)

etin, etyn, eattin, yetin (Scots)

***etun** (Proto-West Germanic)

***etun, *etinna** (Old Saxon)

eteninne (Middle Low German)

jǫtunn (Old Norse)

jǫtun (Faroese)

jotuni (Finnish)

jötunn (Icelandic)

jutul, jotun (Norwegian Bokmål)

jøtul, jutul, jotun, jøtun (Norwegian Nynorsk)

jǫtunn (Old Norse)

iætæn (Old Danish)

jætte (Danish)

jǫtunn (Old Norse)

iætun, iætte (Old Swedish)

jätte (Swedish)

jätti (Finnish)

***jietënës** (Proto-Samic)

***etana** (Proto-Finnic)

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